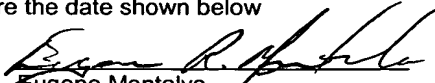
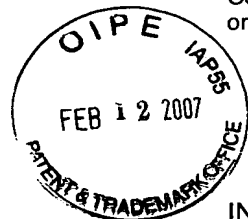


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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED 11 December 2006

Dear Sir:

Attorney for Applicant in the above-captioned application hereby responds to the Final Office Action mailed 11 December 2006. At the time the Office Action issued, claims 1 to 14 were pending.

- No amendments are made, but for Examiner's convenience a full listing of the claims as pending is provided.

It is believed that the present response is fully persuasive and brings the application in a state ready for allowance.